

REMARKS

Prior to a first examination, please enter the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-37 have been canceled by this preliminary amendment. New claims 38-56 have been added. Claims 38-56 remain at issue in the patent application. Of the claims pending, claims 38, 43, and 48 are independent claims.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added through these amendments.

I) DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

The application papers filed herewith are a true copy of the prior complete application filed on October 30, 1998 having Application No. 09/183,717.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a), this divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) claims the benefit and is a divisional of Application No. 09/183,717 filed October 30, 1998 by David Alan Desch.

II) PARENT RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In section 1 of a Final Office Action mailed on 11/13/2002 in the parent patent application, Serial No. 09/183,717, Claims 53-66 were made subject to a restriction requirement.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant previously cancelled claims 53-66 without prejudice in the parent patent application.

Applicant now presents claims 53-57 and 62-66 as claims 38-47, respectively for examination. Accordingly, Applicant has

cancelled without prejudice claims 1-37, which are under examination in the parent patent application.

Claims 38-56 are now presented for a first examination on the merits, which is respectfully requested.

III) SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Applicant has amended the specification to include the proper cross-reference to related applications to which this application claims the benefit thereof.

IV) TITLE AMENDMENT

Applicant has amended the title to --SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND APPARATUS FOR SIMULTANEOUS VIEWING OF DIFFERING VIDEO PROGRAM SOURCES--.

V) NEW CLAIMS

Applicant has added new claims 38-56.

Claims 38, 43, and 48 are new independent claims. Claims 39-42, 44-47, and 49-56 are dependent from independent claims 38, 43, and 48, respectively.

New claims 38-42 were claims 53-57 restricted from the parent patent application.

New claims 43-47 were claims 62-66 restricted from the parent patent application.

New claims 48-56 are method claims of a first impression.

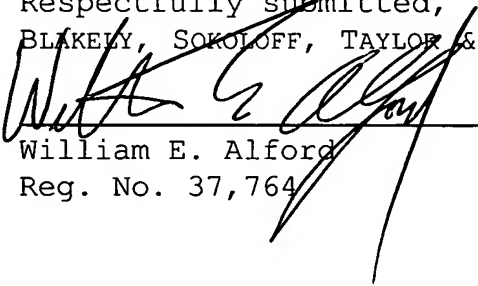
CONCLUSION

A first examination of the claims is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is hereby respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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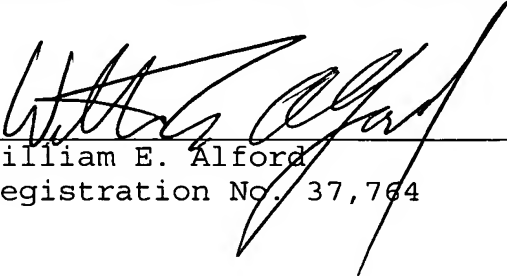
**Transmittal of Amended Specification
for Scanning Purposes**

Dear Sir:

A clean copy of the specification, for purposes of scanning for publication, is attached hereto which includes the amendments to the title, amendments to the specification, cancellation of claims 1-37, and the addition of new claims 38-56 made by preliminary amendment.

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